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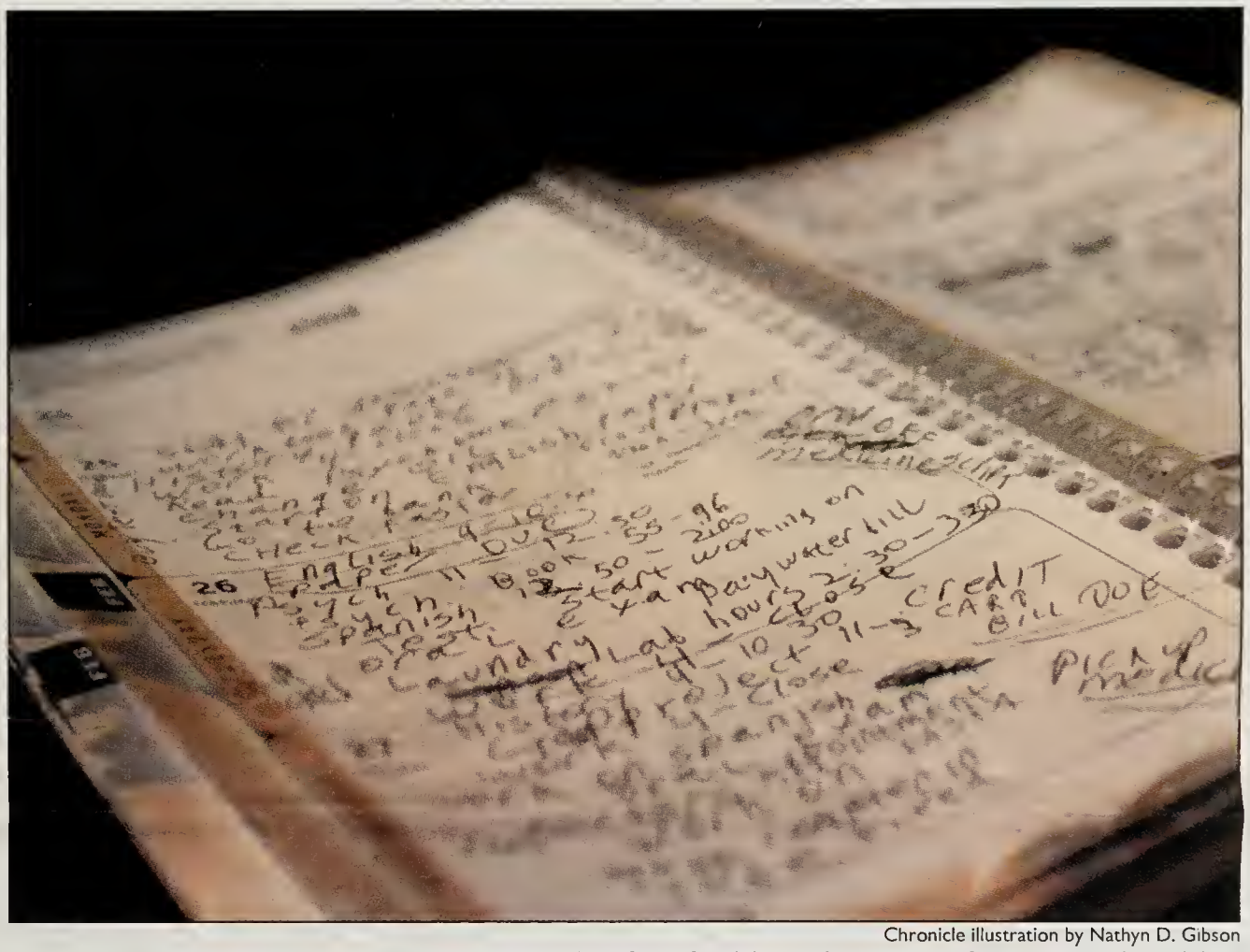

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Students in Northwest Indiana are unusually burdened with work compared to most universities, with 80 percent of students holding at least one job.

Mike Ayala
Staff Writer

As midterms draw nearer, PUC students may find they have little time for studying. Aside from class, concerns such as work and family add to an already stressful time for many students.

It's because the PUC student population is unusually burdened with obligations outside of the classroom compared to most universities, according to Peggy Gerard, the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

In fact, according to a the Working and Financial Aid Among College Students Survey, the number of students working full time has doubled between 1985 to 2000.

The study, conducted by Indiana University, Ivy Tech, PUC and the Indiana Project on Academic Success in 2006, explains 43 percent of students cut back on the number of credit hours they take in order to facilitate these jobs.

Amanda Edwards, a Child and Family Services transfer student, attends 18 hours worth of classes and maintains a work study job as well.

Edwards says taking so many hours and working is a draining experience, especially before midterms.

The study also mentions 56 percent of students reporting that their jobs affect the time frame in which they plan to finish their degrees, and 69 percent of students say they schedule their classes around their jobs.

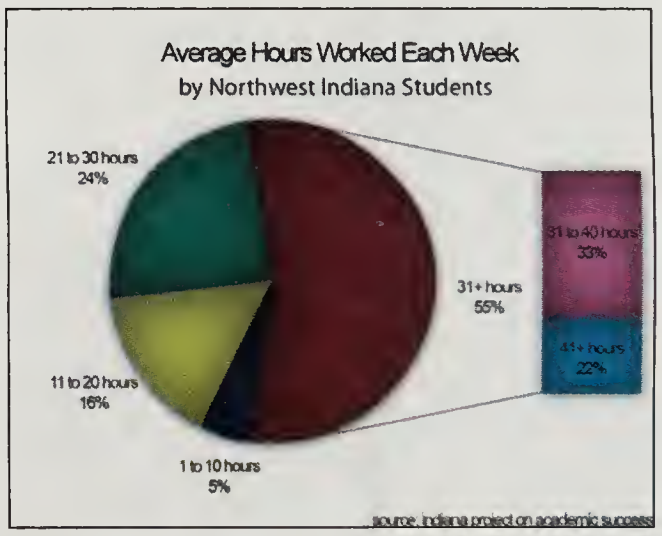
And it's not just a problem non-traditional students face.

Over 80 percent of students at universities in the Region have a job, with 79 percent of those students working more than 20 hours per week. About 22 percent work more than 40 hours per week.

Deborah Wade, a counselor from the PUC Counseling Center, said she sees an increase in stressed-out students visiting the center before midterms and final exams. Most are winded from the amount of work they have, while others have lost motivation to remain in school.

Wade said there is no general advice she can give to students who have lost their will to continue attending classes. Each student is different, so the reasons behind their demoralization are different as well. She suggests those students come to the counseling center so they can receive help.

Wade also receives a surge of students near the end of the semester who are having trouble balancing classes, work and family.



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A 2006 study shows 79 percent of working Region students do so 20 hours or more per week.

Wade suggests overworked students should prioritize classes and other events in their lives.

"The key thing is to be organized," Wade said.

Students should go through the day knowing exactly what they will do, she said. Often not doing so leads to procrastination, according to Wade. She said procrastination should be avoided at all costs.

"If you continue to put things off, you'll pay dearly," she said.

Wade also suggests students get to know what kind of person they are.

A morning person should study in the morning, she said. Likewise, a night person would be better of studying at night. A night person attempting to wake up early and study during the morning would be more difficult.

Wade also said a source of angst from students is trying to say yes to everything.

Having fun with friends or playing video games is a great way to relieve stress, however they should be done after students have finished studying, she said.

"Students need to learn to say 'No,'" Wade said.

Overflow housing contract to remain with Mansards

Brian Bultema
News Editor

The Chronicle previously reported that the Mansards apartment complex, the housing for 50 PUC students unable to get into the University Village, was responsible for 15 percent of all emergency calls in Griffith during 2007.

In 2008 crime at the Mansards is up, including a murder on Jan. 9.

The Chronicle discussed the issue of crime and safety at the Mansards with administrators and what life will look like next year for students living at the Mansards.

Despite high crime statistics in 2007 and an expansive list of violent crime in January 2008, including one rape and one murder, the PUC administration said the university has no plans of replacing its contract with the Mansards next year.

The contract with the complex, which guarantees a set number of rooms to the university at special, negotiated rates, will be renewed at least through fall 2009, when the second University Village is expected to open.

Ken Johnston, the vice chancellor for administrative affairs, said the large size and fully furnished apartments at low prices are the main reasons why the PUC administration is sticking with the Mansards into 2008 and 2009.

"Even if we found another complex we would have to negotiate again," Johnston said. "There is nothing exclusive about the Mansards; it's just another option for students."

Johnston said when the original UV was built the administration had no premonition of how fast it would fill up. He said it caused the university to find alternatives fast.

Johnston said the Mansards management is willing to offer 3-month, 6-month and 9-month leases to students and is flexible when housing students near each other at the complex, which contributed to its being chosen.

Shimin Wu, a graduate student studying English, said when he came to PUC he expected to live in the UV. Instead, he said he was informed the UV was full and

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Stark-Tinkham Writing Contest

The Department of English and Philosophy is inviting submissions for the Stark-Tinkham Writing Contest. Poems, stories and non-fiction essays are welcome, and electronic submissions are now accepted. Prizes include gift cards from retailers including Best Buy and Target.

The deadline for submissions is March 19. For complete rules and instructions, click on the Stark-Tinkham link on the English and Philosophy homepage, calumet.purdue.edu/engphil, or e-mail starktinkham@calumet.purdue.edu.

PUC Counseling Center

The Counseling Center at PUC is setting time aside this semester for walk-in students and faculty.

Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The Counseling Center will allow those who do not have an appointment to visit the center.

For additional information about the center, please call 989-2366.

Chancellor's Reading Circle

The spring Chancellor's Reading Circle will be held on Mar. 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper house, one block from campus.

Dr. John Lucas will facilitate a discussion of the book "Wins, Losses and Lessons" by Lou Holtz. Interested students may register in the Office of Student Activities at SUL 104B. Books are free and refreshments are provided.

Tai Chi

The PUC Fitness and Wellness Center is sponsoring a Tai Chi program for all members beginning March 17 at 7:30 p.m. and running eight weeks.

The cost for the program is $10 and should be paid at the front desk of the fitness center.

For more information, call the fitness center at 989-2175.

International Film Series

The International Film Series is screening Chinese films during March. The first film is "Yin shi nan nu" or Eat Drink Man Woman, and will be shown March 5 at 7 p.m. in SUL-353.

The night will feature or short discussion after the film and is open to the public.

Dining etiquette session

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring the next session in their "Backpacks to Briefcases" series on March 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in SUL-321. This session features dining etiquette and will teach attendees how to properly handle themselves in business and social situations.

The event features a full lunch, and attendees will be able to network with area employers such as ArcelorMittal, Walgreens, White Lodging and Golden Technologies.

Registration is required by March 3 for this event. Please bring $5 to SUL-349 and it will be refunded after the event.

Artists wanted

The Fine Arts Student Association is currently recruiting students interested in the arts.

Painters, writers, photographers, musicians and graphic artists are welcome to join. Find an audience for your creative spirit.

FASA is open to all PUC students and alumni. Membership is free.

For more information, contact fasacalumet@hotmail.com or visit SUL 324-E.

Movie day

Student Activities is sponsoring a movie screening for "Glory Road" in Calumet Falls on March 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The movie is open to all and free popcorn will be available for those who attend.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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Agency ups contraception for spring break

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With spring break on the horizon, a time notorious for debauchery and excess among college students, Planned Parenthood of Indiana has developed a program increasing access and supplies of contraception between Feb. 26 and April 8.

Planned Parenthood is primarily promoting emergency contraception, commonly referred to as the "morning after" pill, specifically addressing locations near colleges and universities.

Ten Indiana locations will hold a "Free EC Day," a day in which free emergency contraception will be available to students 18-years-old and older.

Planned Parenthood of Indiana has multiple locations in Northwest Indiana, including a Hammond location, which has its "Free EC Day" set for March 4. Promotions of the contraception encourage students to visit any of the selected locations to pick up EC "to keep at home – just in case."

"It's important for students to realize that these options are open to them. Emergency contraception is the best way to avoid an unintended pregnancy if no birth control is used. It's also a good backup for your primary birth control" a representative for Planned Parenthood of Indiana said, who asked for her name to be printed.

And while Planned Parenthood advocates emergency contraception, the representative made it clear that condoms should be used in any sexual encounter as it does not protect against sexually transmitted infections.

But debate surrounds the program. Some see the initiative as a positive step in promoting safety and well being to the sexually active. Others view the promotion as encouraging students to engage in pre-marital sex.

PUC's Intervarsity Christian Fellowship has concerns but does not altogether oppose Planned Parenthood's intentions.

Staff Member Christy Klippel said there is no finite decision in the Christian faith about whether contraception should be made available. But Planned Parenthood's spring offerings bring the issue of pre-marital sex to the forefront of conversation.

"Sex was designed by God as something good but for within a marriage," Klippel said. That applies for all times. That being said, it's reality that people have sex before they are married. What's happening right now is a problem but contraception prevents further problems."

Michael Myers, a sophomore in the school of liberal arts and social sciences, said he is for the availability and distribution of contraceptives because there is a danger in leaving sexually active students to their own devices.

"We're in college; people are going to have sex and it's better to be protected. A lot of people need someone there to provide them with these things because they aren't going to do it themselves" Myers said.

Consensual sex is not the only issue at hand.

"Rape is always a factor. Women who need a back up or emergency form of contraception can access what they need to avoid pregnancy, and during these months they can get it for free," a Planned Parenthood representative said.

Student Leticia Reyes values the availability of education and resources to students.

"I think it's helpful. It's good to educate people, controversy or not," Reyes said. "They're just trying to help people out and it's better to be safe than to be sorry."

Chronicle photo by Nathyn Gibson

Planned Parenthood is offering free emergency contraception at ten Indiana locations, including the clinic on Indianapolis Street in Hammond on March 4.

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Prevent Identity Theft

Over ten million Americans have had their personal information used for credit card fraud, bank fraud, or other crimes according to the Federal Trade commission. Over the next couple of weeks we're going to discuss this growing trend in crime.

Facts about identity theft:

- Identity Theft costs victims almost $53 billion dollars a year.
- Over 300 million hours have been spent by Americans resolving issues related to identity theft.
- Identity theft is not just an online phenomenon. In fact the majority of identity theft is done without internet aid.
- Though the number of victims has decreased over the years, the amounts of money involved have increased.

How to protect yourself:

- Shred all important papers. Anything with your birthday, address, social security number, or any other important personal information should be shredded. Credit card applications in particular should be thoroughly destroyed.
- Be careful when entering your PIN number at ATMs. People looking over your shoulder can read it.
- Do not use personal information, or common dictionary words as passwords. These can be guessed easily.

More tips on protecting yourself will be given next week. Until then, you can come down to GYTE 133 and get a free CD from the federal government that will provide you with more information.

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PUC observes Alcohol Awareness Week

Chronicle photo by Nathyn Gibson

A station wagon wrecked in an alcohol-related accident is on display in the Founder's Plaza this week for Alcohol Awareness Week.

Mansards

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Chronicle Photo by Brian Bultema

The Mansards house house 50 PUC students unable to obtain a room in the University Village.

would have to make other arrangements.

Wu is now one of 50 students living at the Mansards, some of which, like Wu, expected to live at the UV.

"I think it's unfair," Wu said.

But currently the UV has 25 open beds from students who left after the fall semester, according to Chanda Hott, the director of university housing.

She said the leases students enter into at the Mansards often cause them to miss openings at the UV.

"Are the Mansards an ideal fit?" asked Lukoshus. "Well no, because students want to live on campus, but that's just not possible now."

Hott also said the university is planning to hire an off-campus resident assistant for the fall to plan recreational and social activities for Mansards residents.

It's a program Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Melinda Dalgarn said will help make Mansards residents feel closer.

But Dalgarn said residents of the Mansards are often slow to express their own wants and needs. A survey was mailed to all Mansards residents last spring for feedback to their living situation.

Not one came back.

The survey included mostly questions about safety and crime, the persistent problem of the Mansards.

Wes Lukoshus, the vice chancellor for university relations, said the contract with the Mansards requires the management to notify the university if a student is involved in a crime. He said no incidents have arisen with students yet.

Johnston said the university has no formal system to monitor crime at the Mansards, but that the administration monitors media outlets in the event of serious crimes.

"What the Mansards do is make the best out of a difficult situation," Lukoshus said.

Student starts petition

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Chronicle Correspondent

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Yvonne Dishmon, a senior political science major, started a petition to lower food prices on campus.

Yvonee Dishmon wanted to go out with a bang.

Recently, Dishmon and 300 other students agreed - food prices on campus are excessive.

So Dishmon, a political science major graduating this spring semester, began a petition in mid-January to protest prices set by Chartwells Dining Services, the food concessionaire at PUC. She quickly collected the 300 signatures she had hoped for from students and staff upset over food prices.

She said this is her first big activity in her academic career at PUC and something she hopes will leave a mark.

"This is like my little baby. I wanna see it grow," Dishmon said. When asked about student support, Dishmon said the majority of students backed it completely as did some faculty members who chose not to sign the petition.

"When you don't have the choice to buy food from outside vendors, it's called a dictatorship where there is no choice for students," Dishmon said. "If this was a 'real' school, we would have choices."

She also said a carelessness of the lack of competition and choices on campus has created the current one-choice system.

After collecting the 300 signatures, Dishmon met with Ken Johnston, the vice chancellor for administrative services, on Thursday.

When asked about the probability of such a petition being considered, Johnston said, "If [such a petition is] received then yes it will be considered.

Larry Posen, the food services director of Chartwells Dining Services, said he had no knowledge of the petition yet. He said his ability to change prices at PUC depend a lot on the particulars of what the petition it calling for.

"Prices are contractually set every year with the administration," Posen said.

According to Posen, a survey of the Hammond area is conducted each spring to keep Chartwells' prices competitive. Prices in the PUC cafeteria are compared with other local vendors within a one to two mile radius of the university and are revised each fall.

Dishmon said she would consider organizing a boycott if the petition does not result in change.

"It's not about me," Dishmon said. "I leave the school in spring. It's really about the students here because we come first."

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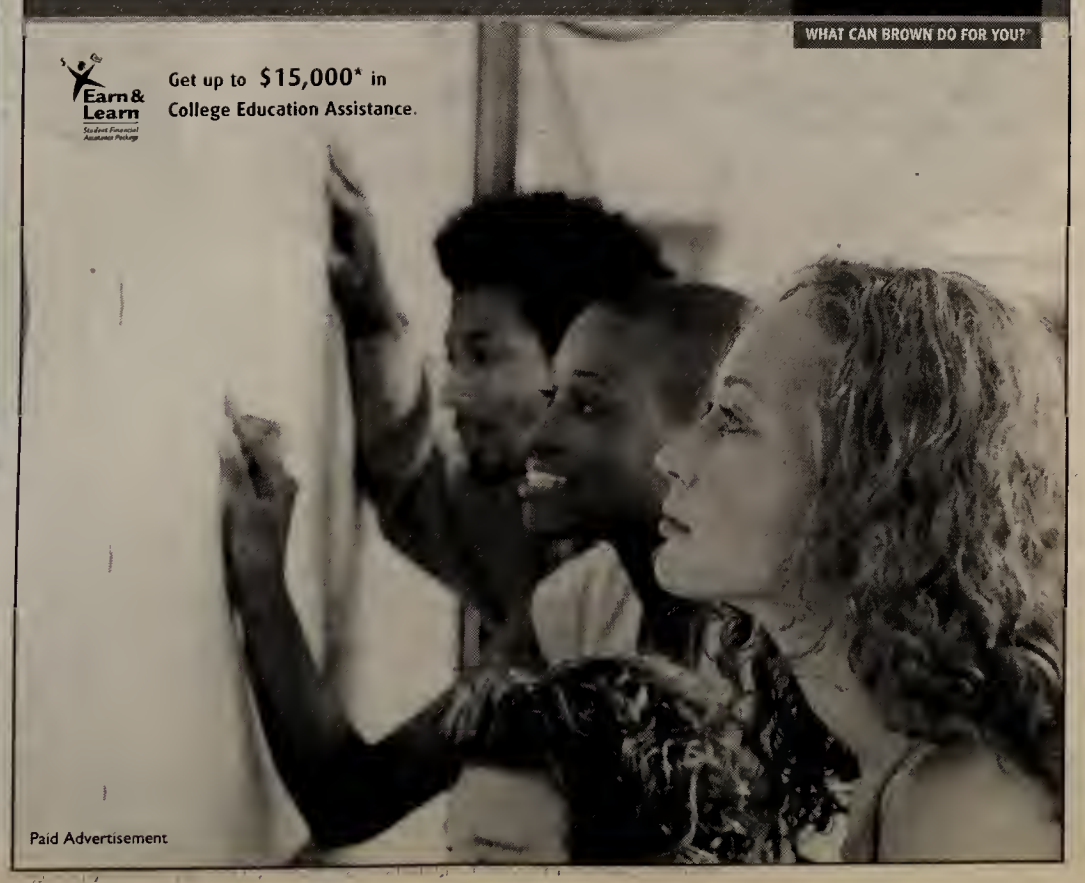

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Research studies from money-driven science

Rick Balutewicz
Assistant Photo Editor

Eat this. Do not eat that. This is dangerous.

Studies state coffee is bad one week and the following week another study released says coffee is not bad at all.

Cell phones have also fell victim of these reports. One day they cause cancer and the next day scientists say they do not.

Capitalist science is affecting the integrity of pure science, which is scientific research in the name of truth and not who paid for the research. Yes, some of these reports are beneficial to society, but with so much contradictory information, how does someone know what to believe?

George Washington Carver once said "Ye shall know science and science shall make you free." This is a quote during a much simpler time, but in today's scientifically technical world, does this statement ring true? It does, if someone is willing to research a little and has discernment.

Here are a few things to look for when deciding if the information given is based on pure unbiased research:

* Most people get their information on such food or consumer products, via nightly newscasts.

Chances are when the anchor says something like "studies released today say "an apple a day will keep the doctor away," it is a video news release. Public relations companies specifically create VNRs for newscasts. Look for who sponsored the VNR. If it is positive and about apples, then the apple growers of America or a similar association probably paid for it.

* If a person gets their information from magazines or newspapers, then they should pay attention to the advertisements appearing near the article.

There needs to be more research on behalf of the reader if there is a correlation between the article and the advertisement. Is there a link between the product advertised and the sponsor or entity that funded the research presented in the article? If so, do more research to see if the study holds validity.

* Who stands to benefit the most from the findings presented? If the research says a person needs to consume more of something in order to maintain health, then consider it suspect. If the research says that too much of something is bad, then the findings are most likely valid.

Whatever a person chooses to believe or advice they choose to follow, they need to do research. People need to make wise-informed, logical life decisions in the world of money-driven science.

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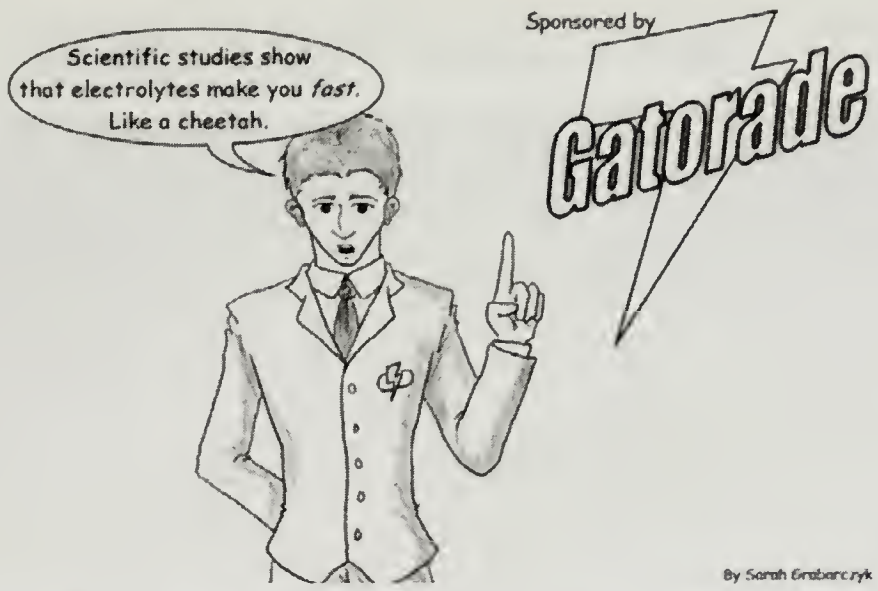

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Raising the bar for compensation

The issue: Student employment compensation

Our opinion: Raise the amount, and so will retention rates

Students at PUC are being worked to death. And it's not just in the classroom.

A majority of students here have jobs, and 60 percent of students, in a survey by the Indiana Project on Academic Success, say their job is not related to their major.

Additionally, 56 percent of students say they are pushing their graduation date back because of their job.

It's a severe symptom of living in the setting of a commuter campus. Many students will choose their jobs over their classes.

But the administration has made it abundantly clear they want to steer PUC onto the path of a residential campus, and that they are tired of being ashamed of dismal student-retention rates.

These are complicated problems that might be mitigated by a rather easy solution.

The administration partially addressed this solution during its Town Hall meetings for its new strategic plan. Part of the plan called for expanding "compensations for students by increasing the number of student employment opportunities."

Bingo.

Almost.

Increasing the number of jobs on campus should be secondary to increasing the pay and the hours for student jobs. Many PUC campus jobs offer either good compensation and few hours or many hours and poor compensation.

Five work hours per week or $6 per hour is not enough to convince students to work on campus. If the administration wants to get serious about increasing retention rates here, student workers should receive real compensation and be treated like real employees.

When compensation at PUC meets or beats other jobs, both students and the administration will win.

Students would work in an academic environment, often in a job which pertains to their major, and the administration would see retention rates and campus community grow.

What's not to like about that?

Letter to the Editor

On Feb. 13, a campus organization decided to hold a date auction in order to raise funds for a local children's hospital. While the intention behind the event was honorable, the event itself requires further examination.

Some people questioned why it was wrong to hold such an event when a charitable organization stood to benefit from it.

Let us take a look at American slavery. To some, slavery was seen as a good charitable cause. America became the wealthiest nation in the world because it did not have to pay for its labor for several hundred years. Many slave owning families remain a part of the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans, while the descendants of slaves are still poor. Slave auctions in America were used as a means of separating black families – sending mothers, fathers, and children in very different directions.

Many people believe that things like this don't have anything to do with modern times. SJC would like to remind those people that in Modern Day America, more than 20,000 people were the victims of human trafficking in 2003 alone. These people are being used for free labor and free sex, while other people profit from their misery.

The university does not require students to be culturally competent. Perhaps students can be responsible, educated adults and learn about other cultures on their own. Otherwise, the future of the student body is uncertain. With so many factions and a prevailing "self-directed" attitude, how can we ever become, "One Purdue?"

SJC would like Purdue students to become more active in the campus community. Show your support for the banning of the auctions on campus by contacting SJC at sjcpuc@gmail.com.

Social Justice Club

For an extended version for this letter, visit pucchronicle.com

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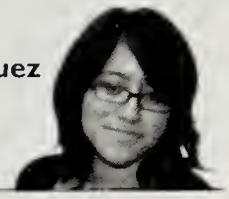
Support our troops, beyond the protests

Isabel Rodriguez
Editor in Chief



Life in the Iraqi sandbox immediately brings the obvious to mind.

One currently deployed soldier says he feels stressed and lonely.

A fellow national guardsman says life overseas is desolate.

They e-mail, call or instant message to loved ones back home whenever possible.

Packages addressed to their Camp Liberty address frequent the mail.

Does it help? Of course. Both respond it assists greatly.

Yet, is it enough?

One answers that contact is better than it was 60 years ago.

But what about those who don't receive much support back home?

You might argue emotional support rests on friends and family. But sometimes it's not enough.

Sure, organizations around the Region have events and protests dedicated against the war. These organizations fight the war in terms of words, letters and protests for the government to listen and watch.

Protests help. Petitions help. Stage-ins help, I suppose.

These acts are part of the big picture in bringing them home.

But what about the day-to-day support U.S. soldiers need?

Showing care for the troops also means sending letters, e-mails and care packages.

These words are not about my beliefs of the war. This is about offering support to U.S. troops to help diminish those emotions of hate, despair and loneliness.

PUC has groups for nearly every aspect of religion, political stance and hobby. Organizations hosted forums in the past where students can hear tales of veterans – their fellow PUC classmates – who have served overseas. PUC needs this public awareness, but students also need to think of other consistent ways to lend support.

Pick up a pen and write a letter during a class break for that friend or family member overseas. Spend a few extra dollars for a care pack for a friend who you haven't talked to since they were deployed months ago.

I invite those who care to shelter our troops overseas with emotional support to reach me at the information below. This can evolve into a budding organization starting on campus, a group meeting to make care packs or students wanting to share emotional support to those with loved ones overseas.

A lot of time is taken to debate opinions of the war. What about the time to send physical support to those fighting in it?

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Taste what Mexican fast food has to offer

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Taco Freso, located at 713 US Highway 41 in Schererville, offers tasty entres at affordable prices.

Try to describe Mexican restaurant Taco Fresco in one word.

How about wholesome?

No, what about yummy?

That's close but not quite it.

When Taco Fresco enters the mind and stomach of many, all you can think is good. The thesaurus spins a short tale of many words but the only one that fits perfectly is simply "good."

The first thing Taco Fresco presents is a colorful, cheery atmosphere with a variety of Mexican music and a wall of sauces including "Big Johnsons". None of these sounded appealing but thankfully they were just for decoration.

The seating is very open and presents enough space to feel very comfortable. If it's preferred to eat at home, just order online and pick up a scrumptious meal upon arrival.

The menu selections are plentiful and range from the classic beef or chicken quesadillas to garlic shrimp nachos and fish taco platters. Indeed, there is a large variety of food compared to some sit-down Mexican restaurants.

If looking for a healthy alternative, just ask Taco Fresco to "Make it Healthy" and the meal will come with low-fat cheese, fat-free beans and sour cream. If that's not healthy enough, order the lean beef or veggie burrito instead.

The salsa bar comes with sauces ranging from mild to picante, but nothing really burns the tongue here. Authentic Mexican soda and good ol' beer is offered to replace the lame fountain drinks everyone else has. The food itself came within five minutes of ordering, filled with a grilled, smokey flavor that tasted very fresh.

Taco Fresco would have received a five of five stars but about halfway through the meal one of the staff members started cleaning the floors and the smell of bleach did not increase appetite.

It just takes $20 for two to eat and leave content. Free wireless internet access is available to all internet enthusiasts. As an added bonus for all the expectant and current mothers out there: children eat free on Mondays.

Bottom-line, Taco Fresco is a great place to have an authentic Mexican meal fairly quick.

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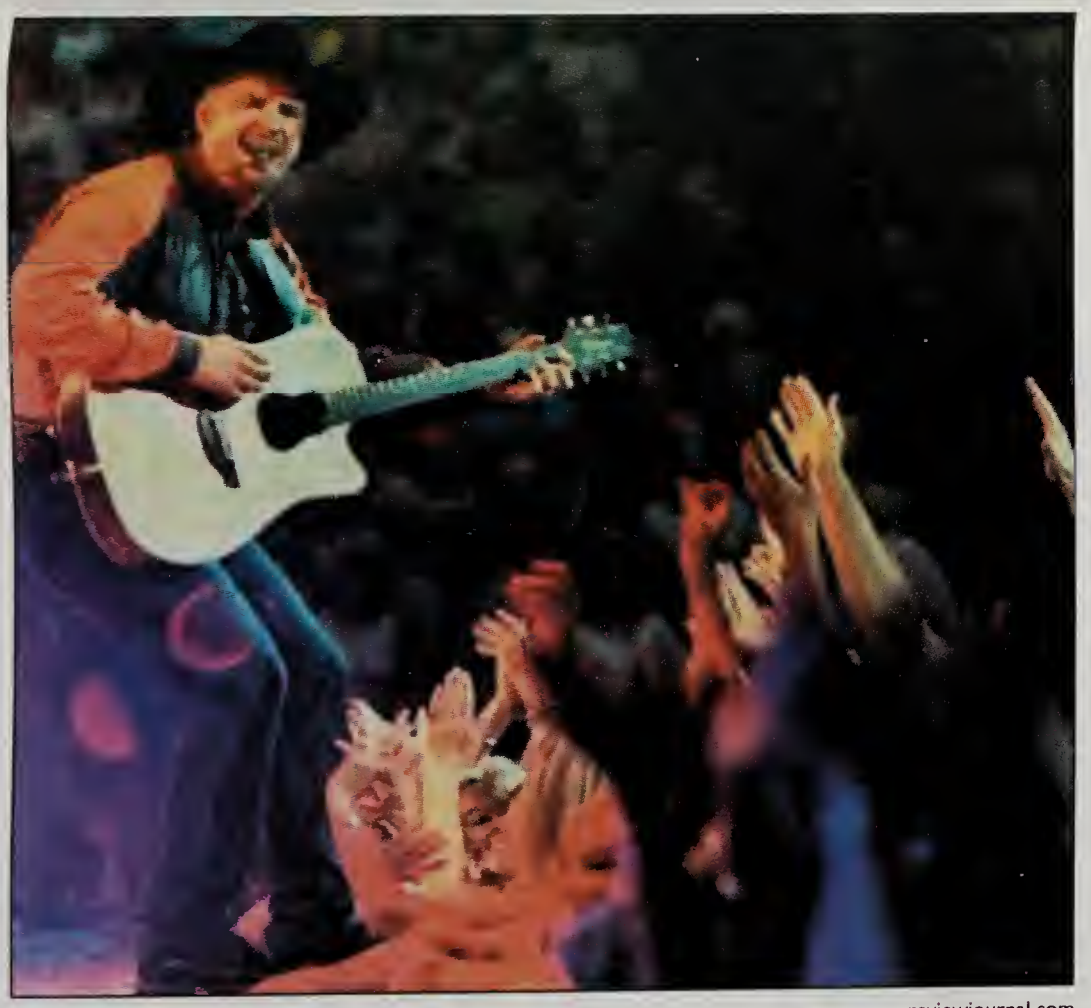
Movie theater features more than cinema

Kristen Hannagan
Staff Writer



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Kerasotes Theatres now feature concert showings at selected theaters. Concerts included Garth Brook, Celine Dion, U2 and will feature opera "Peter Grimes" starting March 15.

Imagine a favorite band is performing in Chicago. It could be a single performance, or any performance. Yet ticket prices are outrageous and so is the traffic.

Don't get stressed out, there's a simple solution right around the corner.

Seeing a performance might be as easy as going to a local Kerasotes-owned theater.

Thomas Gora, a Kerasotes manager, said because of changing technology, changes have taken place in the theater experience.

Kerasotes started showing concerts and other performances towards the end of 2007, Gora said. So far, the Celine Dion showing has been the most popular with showings by Garth Brooks and Def Leppard popular as well he added.

The aim of having performances shown at the theaters is to reach people who don't get the chance to go to concert events like this, Gora said. He would like to see Ozzfest at the theater but thinks it "would attract a different crowd."

Switching to digital and a new provider allowed for new technology at theaters and digital projectors are controlled via the internet from Denver. Commercials are now factored in the pre-show time, allowing for only trailers to be shown before movies, he said.

He mentioned when movies switch theatres within the theatre, technology allows for content shown before the movie to switch as well, preventing wrong trailers from being shown with wrong ratings of movies.

The Metropolitan Opera is running a series of shows at Showplace 16 in Schererville, with the next performance being "Peter Grimes." Viewers get the opportunity to see a live New York show without having to go to New York. This feature stars Anthony Dean Griffey and Patricia Racette in a new production directed by John Doyle and conducted by Donald Runnicles. Following performances include "Tristan und Isolde" and "La Boéme."

Dates for the upcoming three shows are March 15 for "'Grimes," March 22 for "Tristan und Isolde" and April 5 for "La Bohème."

Ticket prices are $22 for adults, $20 for seniors and $15 for children.

How many ways can you make change for a dollar bill?

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Live bands spice up weekday nightlife

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Aaron Harris played guitar and sang for the band Demagin at Jalapenos in Schererville Wednesday night.

Chronicle Photo provided by Kim Cheek

Jalapenos, at 200 US Rt 41 in Schererville, has live music every Wednesday and Saturday night starting around 9 p.m. They also offer half off margaritas. Get there early because there's limited seating.

Kim Cheek
Staff Writer

A different tune can be heard inside Jalapenos Mexican Restaurant on Wednesday and Saturday nights. The restaurant, which usually greets guests with subdued Mexican music, boomed with the sound of local band Demagin Wednesday night.

This four-man group has been playing since 2000 and sang a wide variety of songs. They included tracks by artists James Blunt, Garth Brooks, Jimmy Buffet, and One Republic.

This musical diversity seemed to fit the band well, as members looked as if they came from different musical backgrounds. Vocalists "Beaver" and Aaron Harris had a pop/ punk look, while bass guitarist Phil Reiner and drummer Chris Karp seemed to come from a heavier, rock genre.

Despite their differences, the band worked together well. Although pitchy during high notes, the two vocalists had good harmony.

What really made the performance, however, was the instruments. All four played exceptionally well and the addition of a bass guitar and drums took it up a notch from the usual karaoke-like performances.

Demagin also made an effort to engage the crowd, taking requests and promising that the songs would get better as the band kept drinking.

Electric guitar player "Beaver" was particularly entertaining. Wearing a playboy t-shirt, he constantly posed for pictures and had a habit of browsing his phone during breaks. Amazingly, he didn't miss a beat.

Although only in their 30s, Demagin seemed to have quite a following of middle-aged women. These "groupies" proved annoying at times, flirting and making too many requests.

The popular band is one of 13 regulars at Jalapenos, greatly increasing business on the nights they play.

The restaurant features half-priced margaritas during these events, but fails to provide enough room for the crowd they attract.

About nine tables were scattered across the bar area, but most were so close together, guests had trouble sitting around them. An elevated bar sits to one side of the room, but was even more crowded than the seating area.

The two bartenders were up for the task providing quick service. Ask for Mauricio when ordering drinks. This bartender is sharp, classy and a definite advantage to the establishment.

Although Demagin provided a fresh spin on well-known songs, a sprinkling of original lyrics would have made their performance better.

Unexpected twists complete sci-fi thriller

Stephanie Powers
Chronicle Correspondent

Unexpected twists complete the plot of sci-fi suspense "Jumper," based off the novel by Steven Gould.

"Jumper," starring Hayden Christensen, Samuel L. Jackson, Jamie Bell, Rachel Bilson and Diane Lane, successfully adapts the novel for the screen with Doug Liman as director.

Christensen stars as a young Jumper (a person with the ability to teleport themselves anywhere), David Rice. Rice is a teenager of a broken home.

He lives without anyone knowing of his ability until he finds another young jumper named Griffin (Jamie Bell). Griffin is another Jumper Rice meets in Rome. Griffin gives Rice information about Jumpers and their abilities. Griffin and David team up to try and defeat the Paladin leader organization trying to kill all Jumpers, Roland, (Samuel L. Jackson).

Christensen delivers a good performance as David and manages to portray the emotions he goes through without turning the film into a drama. Samuel L. Jackson leaves something to be desired, as many of his roles do. Diane Lane plays David's mother who mysteriously disappears while David is young.

Rachel Bilson does little more than provide something cute for men to look at as the role of Millie, David's girlfriend.

During some points of the film, Bilson makes the audience believe she is the type of woman looking for a man to care for her. At other times Bilson tries too hard to be independent.

The movie has a slow start but once the action starts it carries the film. The story line is interesting and the movie has beautiful scenery that keeps viewer's attention just as well as the action does.

The changes in settings between New York, Rome, and Japan help to keep the viewer interested. The ending leaves nothing to be desired except a follow-up movie. While it does not end abruptly leaving the viewer unsatisfied, it does make the viewer want to know what happens in the future for these characters.

"Jumper" is rated PG-13 for brief sexuality, language, and intense violence action. The plot is too intricate for children to follow but is sure to keep adults and young adults interested.

firstshowing.net

Hayden Christensen and Jamie Bell work together to deliver powerful acting in sci-fi suspense "Jumper".

Tech news flash

Sean Davis
Staff Writer

Feeling behind in world of news? If you're wondering what is going on in the world of technology, here is the (nerd) news ticker.

* Some store in Japan is letting people trade in their HD-DVD players for Blu-Ray ones. Outrageous!

* Firefox has been downloaded over 500 million times, and to celebrate the Firefox team burned an effigy of Bill Gates in front of a running version of Internet Explorer 7. IE7 then went to its car and cried. Terrible!

* Pakistan blocked YouTube for showing images of Mohammed and caused a "global outrage." Too bad none of them know how to use a proxy server. Update: It's all over, YouTube deleted the Mohammed content. Blasphemous!

* Electronic Arts tried to buy Take-Two Interactive, and epic failed. EA CEO John Riccitiello quietly went to his car and cried. Tear-jerking!

* The most glorious XBOX 360 RPG is coming to PC's in May. That's right "Mass Effect" will hit store shelves on May 6 (we'll see) and will instantly be the best selling PC game of all time...or so I humbly imagine. Beeyah!

* Aww, Microsoft officially discontinued manufacturing the XBOX 360 HD-DVD add-on. Somewhere in this magical land, a Bill Gates just lost his wings. Fairy-tale-ish!

* Portal 2 is coming very soon. Valve marketing VP Doug Lombardi stated in late January 2008 that "There'll be more Portal, for sure." Immediately afterward cake sales went through the roof. Lies!

* Metal Gear fans take heed. Sony just announced a new Metal Gear Solid 4 PS3 bundle that includes the game, an 80GB PS3, and a DualShock 3 wireless controller all for only 7 billion. Ok, maybe it's only $499. Solid!

* After playing Mass Effect for weeks after its May 6 release date, you can get back into shape on May 19 with Wii Fit.

Calculate your BMI and do some yoga poses while Wii Fit calculates how fat you are and promptly insults you until you go to your car and cry. Getting old!

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Classic Rock Band Lyrics

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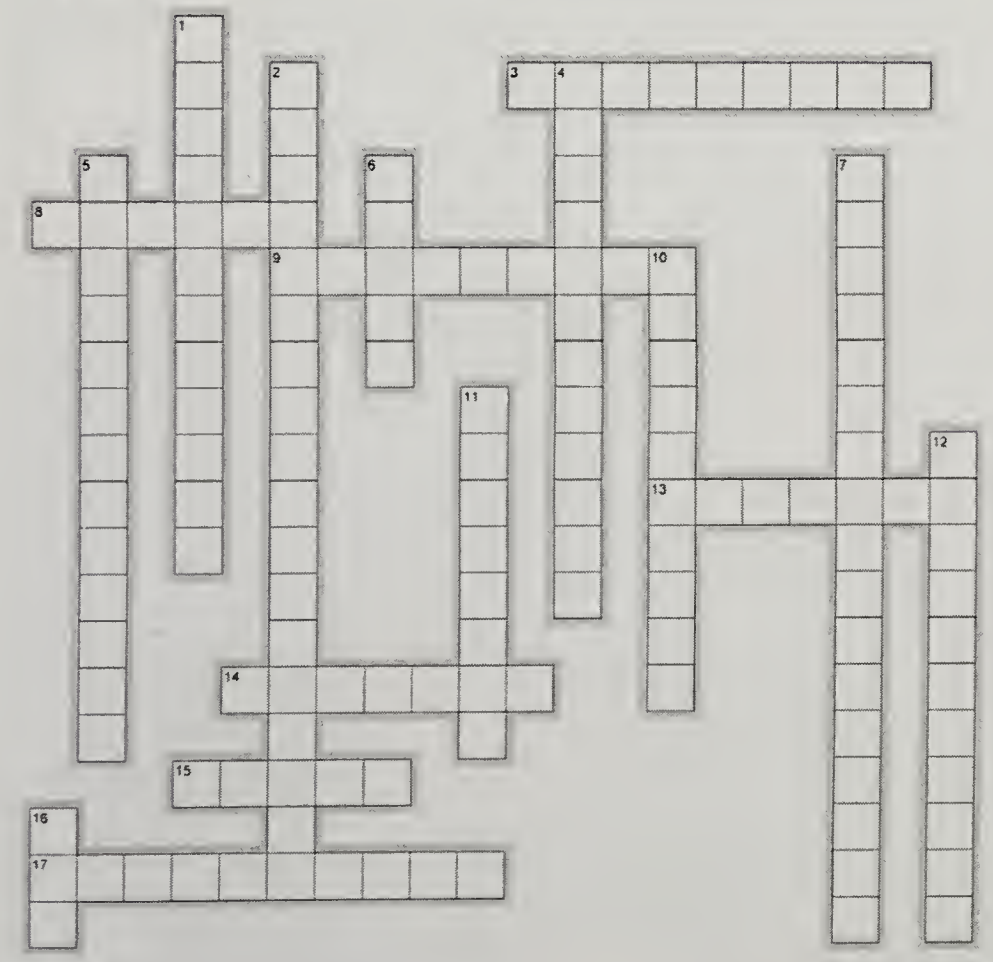

Across

3. Standing in the rain with his head hung low
8. It's been such a long time
9. Hello [hello, hello], is there anybody in there?
13. Ooooo...she's a little runaway
14. Took a midnight train going anywhere
15. Dynamite with a laser beam
17. I need you to need me

Down

1. Loving you isn't the right thing to do
2. Don't think sorry's easily said
4. Crazy, but that's how it goes...
5. It's just a shot away
6. You got me so I can't sleep at night
7. When the truth is found to be lies.
10. Put your red shoes and dance the blues
11. On a long and lonesome highway
12. I want my Mtv
16. Some folks are born, made to wave the flag

Sudoku

hard

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March 3
Light Wintry Mix
35°/25°

Tuesday
March 4
Snow Showers
29°/23°

Wednesday
March 5
Mostly Cloudy
31°/20°

Thursday
March 6
Snow Showers
23°/6°

Friday
March 7
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28°/18°

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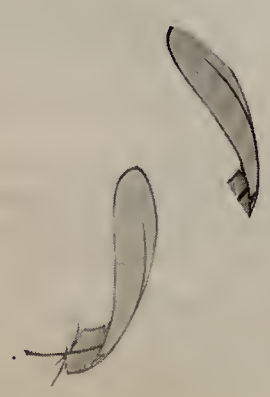

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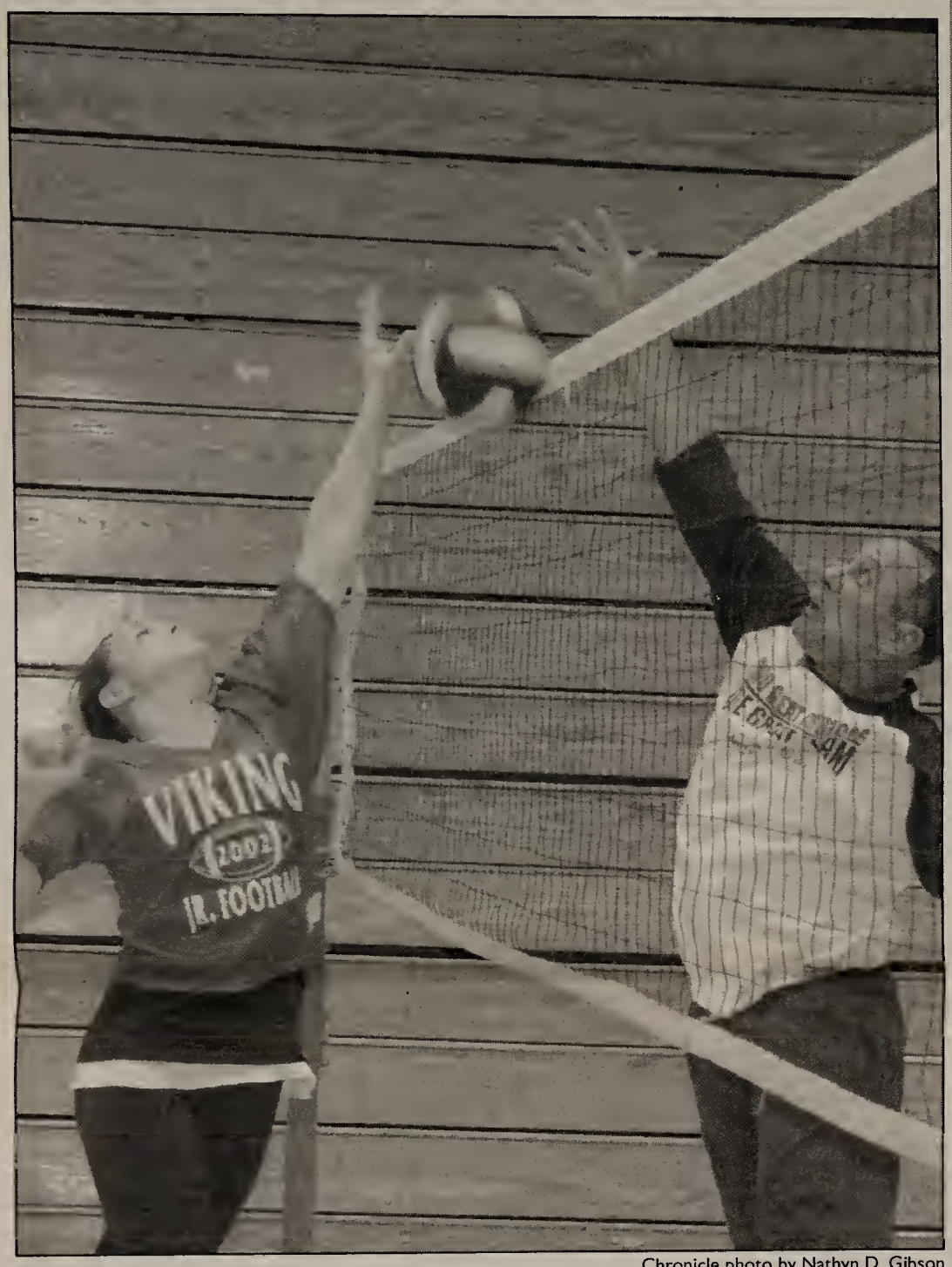
Spiked Punch beats Cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs



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Spiked Punch's Kaitlin Craig goes up for the ball against Sam Naranjo, a PUC staff member, plays for Cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs. Intramural volleyball is held every Thursday night.

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

Spiked Punch rebounded from last week's loss to defeat Cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs last Thursday night at the REC Center.

Cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs was in control after the first game, winning 21-19.

After trailing late in the end of the second game, the Puffs nearly made a comeback scoring four points late. Spiked Punch hung on to win 21-17. From there they never looked back, dominating in game three, 21-14.

"This win will definitely help out our team after last week's lost," Kaitlin Craig, a junior majoring in broadcasting, said.

"We had a rocky start to the season, but now we have our schwag back. Everybody better watch out, Spiked Punch is coming through," Craig said.

The win pulls Spike Punch's record to an even 2-2.

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik also commented on Spiked Punch's performance this season.

"They are hurting with the loss of Brandon Popovich, who played on the team last year," Dudzik said.

"They are one player away from being what they once were. However, they are still a pretty dominant team," he said.

Spiked Punch looks for their second win in a row Thursday night against the Oriental Stars.

Cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs will look to rebound after last week's loss with a win, as they take on the SoCo Spikers.

All games take place in REC Center.

Intramurals schedule this week

Monday: 4-on-4 Indoor Soccer @ REC Center
Tuesday: 4-on-4 Co-ed Bowling @ Highland Plaza Lanes
Wednesday: Wallyball tournament @ - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: 6-on-6 Co-ed Volleyball @ REC Center
Sunday: 5-on-5 Basketball @ REC Center

Sports recaps

Men Feb. 26
PUC 73, Cardinal Stritch 74

PUC	FG	REB	PTS
54 Thomas, K.	0/5	2	4
20 Krstevski, K.	3/8	0	7
22 Patton, M.	5/10	10	13
33 Cruz, C.	7/13	5	15
30 Williams, R.	1/1	1	2
31 McNeal, A.	2/5	2	11
32 Latimore, J.	5/9	5	15
23 Elabed, J.	2/4	2	6
25 Sheriff, M.	0/0	1	0
Team	25/55	31	73
Cardinal Stritch	**FG**	**REB**	**PTS**
4 Mayeau, C.	0/0	0	0
21 Dekker, C.	1/5	5	5
22 Sorensen, S.	3/7	5	6
40 Triplett, T.	4/11	4	15
43 Dobbe, I.	1/3	1	4
10 Weathers, D.	0/0	0	0
23 Williams, E.	5/7	3	11
30 D'Amico, B.	3/6	4	8
32 Peck, S.	3/4	3	8
42 Matsen, M.	1/1	3	6
55 Dean, D.	5/7	5	11
Team	26/51	35	74

Women Feb. 25
PUC 52, Trinity Christian 92

PUC	FG	REB	PTS
12 Harris, J.	3/13	1	6
22 Lobodinski, C.	3/10	6	6
32 Keilman, S.	9/17	10	18
40 Dugan, S.	1/8	5	5
44 Smith, L.	4/15	5	13
10 Enright, N.	0/3	2	1
24 Robinson, C.	1/3	2	3
Team	21/69	37	52
Trinity Christian	**FG**	**REB**	**PTS**
23 Learned, A.	7/10	8	19
33 Kolenbrander, B.	4/10	14	8
34 Thomassen, E.	7/13	9	17
22 Zielke, E.	1/3	2	3
31 Lerner, S.	8/16	2	22
11 Iwema, C.	2/5	4	4
20 Beary, M.	0/3	2	2
21 Karr, L.	1/1	1	2
25 Bergeland, P.	1/1	1	2
30 Buter, E.	1/1	0	2
32 Hollingsworth, L.	2/6	3	5
Team	36/73	55	92

PUC adds to REC Center gymnasium

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

PUC's new scoreboard was installed before the final home game of the year. A large Peregrine logo is scheduled to be applied at center court before next season.

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

Fierce and aggressive play on the court by both PUC's men and women basketball teams can now be accompanied by an all-new arena feel.

Equipment is being added to the REC Center, all in hopes of making the gym feel more like the home of the Peregrines.

"We want the visiting teams to know that this is our house," Sports Information director Dave Fanno said.

New features have already been added to the REC center, starting this past season. Daktronics recently installed a brand new scoreboard.

Two new boards hang on both south and north ends of the center. The north side is more detailed, and includes a line for each individual player's name, number, personal fouls, and total points. A large Peregrine logo also shows team spirit, as a picture of the screeching bird is in the center.

Plans for the new scoreboard, which cost nearly $9,000 to be installed, and totalled $17,000. Changes have been going on since new athletic director Bob Bunnell took over last summer.

"Bunnell wanted the new scoreboard. He did the research, talked with the Chancellor, and the rest is history," Fanno said.

Other new endeavors being planned include a large Peregrine logo, which will be placed in center court.

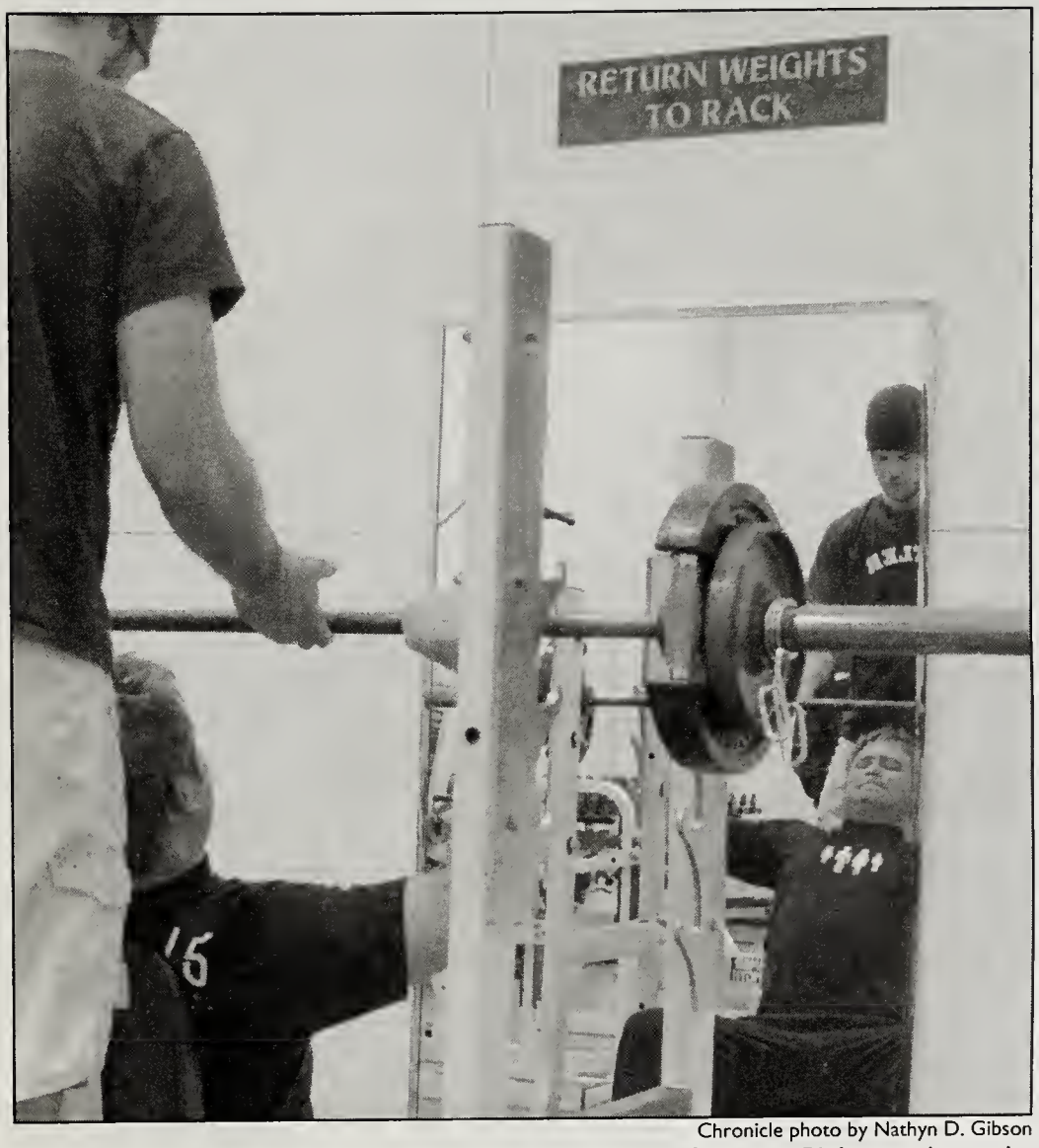
The concession area will also be re-built, and only be about half of what it is now.

The other half will be a separate women's locker room. It will give players each their own individual locker, as well as a TV set and VCR to watch and study game footage.

"It will make the players feel more at home, instead of just having them meet in a class room like they did this past season," Fanno said.

With all the new renovations, the 2008-2009 season of Peregrine basketball looks like it should provide action not only on the court, but off the court.

Getting their pump on



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Justin Butler, a freshman PUC student spots Steve Sawin, a freshman Biology major at the REC Center gym on Friday afternoon. The gym membership is $20 a semester.

National Lampoon Sports Minute

Hall of Fame horse trainer Sidney Watters Jr. has died at the age of 90. After a long illness, Watters was mercifully taken behind the barn and shot.

Gary Sheffield has lashed out at his former agent Scott Boras, calling him a "bad person." Which is the equivalent of Britney Spears saying that Lindsay Lohann is out of control.

Brewers Prince Fielder, a 260-pound slugger has decided to stop eating meat. In a related story, Wisconsin will be tripling its dairy production.

The Florida Marlins have finally reached an agreement for a brand new stadium. The agreement is that the Dolphins and the Heat will never play there. Hopefully there'll be seating for all 300 Marlins fans. The ballpark will cost $515 million, raising the value of the franchise to $515 million.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen reportedly cursed over 1,000 times during a recent hour-long meeting. We'd air a bleeped version, but it'd sound like Morse code.

LeBron James' girlfriend is pregnant with the couple's third child, giving James the NBA record for most kids with the same woman.

San Antonio has acquired power forward Kurt Thomas from Seattle. The Spurs now have more veterans than the VFW.

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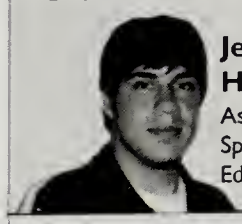
The wild Western Conference



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The NBA's Western Conference is playing at a varsity level while the Eastern Conference is simply a jayvee league.

The NBA's Western Conferences top eight teams have a combined record of 309-154. The Eastern Conference's eight teams have a record of 266-165. Is it not enough to prove how good the West is this year?

The eighth seed in the West, the Warriors, are just six games back of the number one seed. The Nuggets are 11 games over .500 and are on the outside looking in for the playoff picture. If they were in the East, they would be the fourth seed.

The East has only four teams with a winning record and the West has nine. All eight teams for the West are at least 12 games over .500.

This is the best the West has been since the early '90s and late '80s when it featured stars like, Clyde Drexler, Magic Johnson, Karl Malone and John Stockton.

The West this year has some of the best point guards in NBA history. Chris Paul of the Hornets is averaging a double-double and is a strong candidate for MVP. Steve Nash, Deron Williams, Baron Davis and now Jason Kidd, round out the point guards of the West.

There's no forgetting Kobe Bryant too. Bryant is averaging over 27 points a game and with the addition of Pau Gasol, the Lakers are set to make a championship run.

The injury to Yao Ming this past week is going to hurt the Rockets more than people think. The pressure is going to be put Tracy McGrady to carry the West's best team over the past two weeks.

The team to watch out for that always makes their run late, is the Spurs. They will make their playoff run and surprise everyone.

The West is so good this year, anyone of the eight teams can make a run at the finals.

This is the best the Western Conference has ever been and possibly ever will be. The Eastern Conference won't see a championship for years if the West continues to improve at this rate.

The Lakers are the favorite to go to the finals this year and win it all. It will finally be Bryant's chance to finally win without Shaq.

One thing is certain, the West will dominate the rest of the season and will be fun to watch who gets the number one seed since it is up for grabs.

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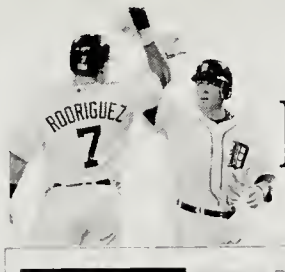

Ryan Metz's
Weekly High Five
Top 2008 NBA prospects

1 Michael Beasley

• 6-9 Kansas State Freshman PF – 26.7 ppg 12.6 rpg

B-Easy can fill up a box score with the best of them. His first collegiate game he dropped 32 points and 24 rebounds and has followed that with 25 other double-doubles. He can face the basket while still possessing a flurry of low-post moves.

2 Derrick Rose

• 6-4 Memphis Freshman PG – 14.2 ppg 4.5 apg

This Chicago native is a mix of Dwayne Wade and Jason Kidd. He leads the highly touted Tigers despite only being a frosh. His special size/quickness combo has NBA scouts drooling. Attacks the basket well and can finish or dish off.

3 Brook Lopez

7-0 Stanford Sophomore PF/C – 19.3 ppg 7.8 rpg

Stanford hit the lottery when they got the services of Brook along with his 6-10 twin brother Robin. A good athlete while having a sturdy NBA big man's body. He's a good low-post scorer who can shoot and run the floor with ease.

4 Eric Gordon

• 6-3 Indiana Freshman SG – 21.4 ppg 3.3 rbg

IU's Gordon is a scoring machine. His shooting extends well beyond NBA 3-point range and can finish in traffic, creating highlight-mix tape dunks. His size creates a problem at the next level because he lacks a point guard mentality and is two inches short of an ideal shooting guard.

5 Jerryd Bayless

• 6-3 Arizona Freshman PG/SG – 20.6 ppg 4.3 apg

This explosive combo guard leads the PAC 10 in excitement. His first step is wicked quick, and he's a scorer that can shoot and drive the lane. He's an extremely impressive prospect that needs to find his niche as a shooting or point guard.

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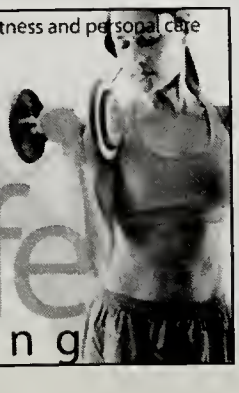

Peregrines lose in first round of playoffs

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PUC coach Tom Megyesi instructs his players during a timeout in their first round of the CCAC playoffs Monday against Trinity Christian. The Peregrines lost by 40 points, despite beating Trinity Christian 72-65 on Feb. 6. The Peregrines finished the season averaging 67.5 points a game while giving up 83.1.

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Sara Keilman told her teammates she didn't want to go down without a fight. She wasn't about to watch her season collapse in the first round of the CCAC playoffs.

"I told my teammates if we were going to lose – we're going down kicking, screaming, punching or biting," the sophomore forward said, after posting 18 points and 10 rebounds. "And we pretty much gave in."

Trinity Christian College Trolls took advantage of a worn-out PUC squad and defeated them 92-52 Monday night in Palos Heights, Ill. on the Trolls home court to end the Peregrines season.

Trinity Christian jumped out to a 20-5 lead on the sluggish PUC team with only eight minutes gone by in the first half of action. The shorthanded Peregrines couldn't stop the floodgates as the Trolls cruised to a 30-point lead with three minutes remaining in the first half, 42-12.

"We didn't get off to a good start," PUC coach Tom Megyesi said. "I thought we did not play with enough passion. We looked tired out there."

The Peregrines (7-24, 3-7 CCAC) went into the break, down 50-22, after hitting 24 percent (8-of-33) from the field. The Trolls (12-19, 4-6), however, took advantage of PUC's leaky defense and shot 50 percent from field in the first half.

A dejected Megysesi was very concerned about the lack of defense. PUC gave up 192 points in the last two games of the season.

"I think our defense has something to be desired to say the least. And that is going to be a major, major thing we're going to address for next year," he said.

PUC defeated Trinity Christian on Feb. 6 by seven points, 72-65, at the REC Center but didn't show up ready to repeat the performance.

"Tonight was a fantastic game for us," Trinity Christian coach Liz Metcalfe said. "A couple weeks ago we lost to them by seven – it's hard to believe we beat them by 40 tonight."

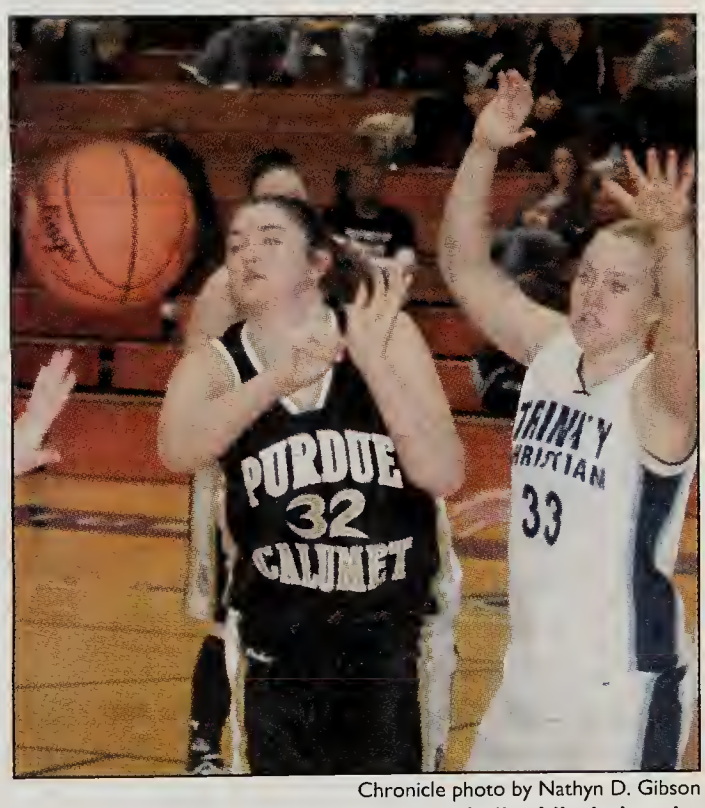
Senior guard Linsey Smith finished her college career with 13 points and pulled down five rebounds.

"Hopefully we'll learn from this," Megyesi said, after completing his first season as PUC coach. "And I can refer to this in the future, this time next year that we're not going to go out like this"

Keilman had thoughts on how they can improve on their performance for next year.

"It seems like sometimes we can't motivate ourselves enough – and we need to. We need to start finding it in ourselves to play better," she said.

Trinity Christian's junior guard Amanda Learned scored her 1,000 career point early in the second half, finishing the game with 19.



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Sophomore Sara Keilman passes the ball while being defended by Trinity Christian's Brittany Kolenbrander.

Men's upset falls short in Milwaukee

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A long season came to an end last Tuesday for the Peregrines when they dropped their conference playoff opener to Cardinal Stritch University in a heartbreaker 74-73.

The Peregrines (6-23, 4-8 CCAC) took the lead with 46 seconds left in the game on a Charles Cruz three-pointer. The trey put the Peregrines up 70-69. After the Wolves (18-136, 8-4) called a timeout to put a play together, Spencer Peck scored three of his eight points on the night, on a three –pointer to put the Wolves up by two.

"During the timeout I told our guys we couldn't give up the three," said Peregrine coach Grayling Gordon. "We had a breakdown defensively."

The Peregrines had a chance to tie or take the lead, but their shot failed and the Wolves grabbed the rebound and Stephen Sorensen hit the dagger shot, putting them up by four with four seconds left. Peregrines' guard Joey Elabed hit a three-pointer at the buzzer, but they fell one point short of a first round upset over the Wolves.

"We played really well in the second half," said Gordon.

This marked the third time both teams met this season, with the Wolves winning all three. Going in to this game the Peregrines had an idea of what to expect and how to contain the Wolves.

"We knew we had to do a good job against Trey Tripplet," said Gordon. "We played well against them the previous two times. We made him turn the ball over six times and he only scored 15 points. We did a decent job against him."

The Peregrines had four players in double figures including Cruz and Justin Latimore grabbing game-high scoring honors with 15 points respectively.

Freshman Michael Patton finished with a double-double, scoring 13 and grabbing 10 boards.

The Peregrines trailed by 15 at the half, but scored 49 in the second half and shot 15-of-29 from the field to close the deficit. They finished the season losing four of their last five.

Cardinal Stritch had three players get into double figures, with Triplett posting 15 points on 4-of-11 from the field, to go along with Dustin Dean and Eric Williams each posting 11 points.

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Standings

Men

1. Judson	(19-8, 10-2)
2. Trinity Christian	(19-12, 9-3)
3. Cardinal Stritch	(19-14, 8-4)
4. Cal College	(18-13, 7-5)
5. Trinity Int.	(8-22, 4-8)
6. PUC	**(6-23, 4-8)**
7. PNC	(5-26, 0-12)

Women

1. Cardinal Stritch	(26-4, 10-0)
2. Trinity Int.	(15-17, 7-3)
3. Judson	(12-17, 6-4)
4. Trinity Christian	(12-20, 4-6)
5. PUC	**(7-24, 3-7)**
6. Cal College	(3-27, 0-10)